

Public Notice – Environmental Project

PURPOSE OF NOTICE:

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed federal action in the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

June 9, 2017 to June 28, 2017

TYPE OF RESPONSE:

Federal Consistency Determination

DEQ is reviewing a proposed federal activity to determine whether it is consistent with the Virginia Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program established pursuant to the federal Coastal Zone Management Act. The Virginia CZM Program seeks to protect the quality of air, water or other natural resources in Virginia's coastal zone.

NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:

DOD/U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Virginia, Department of Veterans Services (DVS) proposes to construct a new Veterans Care Center in the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia. DVS would construct a new residential care facility with 120 to 128 beds to provide skilled nursing, Alzheimer's/memory care, and short-term rehabilitative care to veterans. The Veterans Care Center would provide dining, physical activity and physical therapy, entertainment and social event services to veterans in both indoor and outdoor spaces. The proposed facility would feature all private rooms organized into household and neighborhoods that surround a central community center. The proposed project site is on property to be owned by the Commonwealth of Virginia. The property comprises approximately 26 acres and is located near the intersection of West Neck Road and North Landing Road. Because DVS plans to seek funding from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (Veterans Affairs), DVS and Veterans Affairs have prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) which satisfies the requirements of the state Environmental Impact Report Law and includes a Federal Consistency Determination under the Coastal Zone Management Act. Veterans Affairs finds the proposed action consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program.

HOW TO COMMENT:

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project documents at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

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